

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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On page 9, line 3, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

-- Fig. 7 shows an outline of the experiment of incorporating 4'-thio UTP using T7 RNA polymerase (SEQ ID NOS: 1-3). --

On page 9, line 7, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

-- Fig. 9 shows an outline of the experiment of incorporating 4'-thio UTP and 4'-thio CTP using T7 RNA polymerase (SEQ ID NOS: 4-6). --

On page 9, line 12, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

-- Fig. 11 shows an outline of cDNA synthesis experiment from RNA containing 4'-thio UTP and 4'-thio CTP using reverse transcriptase (SEQ ID NOS: 7-11). - -